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COA Postconference Competition Review Committee Report to the Management Council: An Evaluation of Fall 2005 Postconference Competition Legislation Proposals

The Postconference Competition Review Committee (PCRC) met via conference call on September 12, 2005, to review the fall 2005 Form 5 legislation pertaining to postconference competition. Following are the committee's initial evaluations and recommendations. If the committee receives additional information regarding a proposal that results in a different evaluation and/or recommendation, an amended report will be forwarded to the Management Council prior to its October 20, 2005, meeting.

BYLAW / SPORTS GUIDE ITEMS

O-1: Baseball "Play-In Round":

Review: 89 California community colleges have baseball. Increasing the number of teams participating in regionals from 32 to 36 results in 40 percent of baseball teams in regionals, consistent with the COA adopted 40 percent guideline for regional participation. Additional expenses have been minimized by limiting the Play-In Round to a single game.

Recommendation: Pass.

O-2: Baseball – Three Officials for all PC

Review: Softball currently pays a 3rd official as a Protest Committee observer at all regional competition and utilizes a three-umpire system for all State Championship games. Although a 3rd official for all Baseball PC would increase expenses, the PCRC felt that the level of play warranted the additional official and would be equivalent to the current softball PC official coverage. NOTE: The PCRC does not consider regular season competition, but committee members did point out the possibility that baseball coaches may decide the 3rd official changes the nature of the game, resulting in a future request for a 3rd official at all regular season games.

Recommendation: Pass.

O-3: Basketball Number of Contests: Not reviewed. Not PC.

O-4: Basketball Tournaments: Not reviewed. Not PC.

O-5: Basketball (W) Regional Brackets: Not Reviewed.

O-6: Basketball (M) Regional Brackets: Placement of Top 3 Teams from a Conference in Separate Brackets:

Review: The Men's Basketball guide currently states "colleges from the same conference shall not meet in the opening round of regional play" and "In order to reduce expense, travel, lodging, and to enhance competition, the Seeding Committee may adjust the first-round games by moving seeding match-ups not more than two (2) places. The committee's concern is that the proposed legislation produces a third level of seeding manipulation that may increase travel expenses and disadvantage higher seeded teams from other conferences.

NOTE: In this instance Basketball Guide uses the term "brackets" to mean one quarter of the draw.

Recommendation: Fail.

O-7: Football "No Tolerance" Sportsmanship Policy

Review: Football defines the specific decorum breeches for which there will be "no tolerance" in PC events.

Recommendation: Pass.

O-8: Golf (M): Elimination of all Prohibitions on Practice Rounds at Regional and State Championship courses.

Review: This legislation would allow individuals or teams to play unlimited practice rounds at Postconference Regional and State Championship courses in the days leading up to the tournament. This would be a distinct advantage for colleges in close proximity to the PC courses. At the State Championships, colleges from the non-hosting region would incur additional travel expenses if they wanted to play the State PC course on the day(s) prior to the event. This legislation has the potential to increase the expenses for colleges who participate in practice rounds, and to disadvantage teams who cannot afford the green fees and/or travel expenses associated with practice rounds.

Recommendation: Fail.

O-9: Golf (M): Golf Carts for Practice Rounds

Review: This item, allowing the use of Golf Carts in practice rounds, should be considered only if O-8 above passes. Golf Cart rental fees for practice rounds would further increase the financial burden of participating colleges. Men's Golf has no sponsorship or gate receipt income, and charges entry fees.

Note: If O-8 fails, the words "including practice rounds" should be removed from Men's Golf Guide section 6.1.F. Practice rounds are not currently allowed in conjunction with PC Golf events, and should not have appeared in this section of the guide.

Recommendation: Fail.

O-10: Tennis. Number of Regular Season Dates Not reviewed (Not PC).

O-11: Tennis Seeding at State Championships

Review: Currently all quarterfinalists in the regional championships qualify for the state championships and are seeded in state championship based on their finish in regionals. The winners of each region receive the #1 & #2 seeds, etc, at the state championship. Unfortunately some of the highest seeds reaching the quarterfinals in regionals choose to retire in that round and are placed at random into the state draw after the players who played in the regional semi-finals and finals are seeded. as a result there is the potential for numerous “upsets”, and the best matches may take place in the early rounds. This legislation should result in the top players receiving the highest seeds. However, it may serve as a further disincentive for some players to retire at the regional quarterfinal round.
Recommendation: Pass.

O-12: Track & Field. Allowing all PC (Regional and State) Track & Field Events to be Contested Over a Two-Day Period.

Review: The purpose of this legislation is to give the T & F Games Committee more latitude in scheduling events so that more facilities would qualify as sites for PC. However, if approved as written, there would be the potential for all sprint, middle distance and relay events, as well as the current field and distance events, to be run over a two-day period. This could result in an increase in expenses for officials and student-athlete travel, meals, etc.
Recommendation: Pass for a 2-year trial period. Allow T & F to operate under the proposed legislation in 2006 and 2007. At the conclusion of each PC meet in those years, the COA Management Council Track and Field Representative would conduct an evaluation of new 2-day events resulting from this legislation. Each evaluation would include input from student-athletes and coaches who participated over two days, as well as an evaluation of the event management costs and participant travel expenses associated with any new two-day competition compared to 2004 and 2005. At the conclusion of the trial period, the 5CTFCA could resubmit the legislation.

O-13: Track & Field. Sanction for Disruption of Meet by a Coach. Not Reviewed

O-14: Water Polo. Addition of 3rd Place Playoff at State Championship

Review: 6 teams advance to the Water Polo State Championships and compete in a round-robin tournament, composed of two 3-team pools, on Friday. Currently only the 1st place teams from each pool compete on Saturday, playing for 1st and 2nd place in the state championship. This proposal would allow the 2nd place teams from each pool to playoff on Saturday for 3rd place in the state championship. Because of the late finish of pool play on Friday, the participants in the proposed 3rd place game would usually have arranged lodging for Friday evening. There would be additional expense for officials.

Recommendation: Pass for a 2-year trial period. Allow water polo to operate under the proposed legislation in 2006 and 2007. At the conclusion of each state championship in those years, the COA Management Council Water Polo Representative would conduct an evaluation of the 3rd-place game. The evaluation would include input from student-athletes and coaches who participated in the 3rd place game, an evaluation of the even management costs and participant travel expenses associated with the 3rd-place contest, and a review of the competitiveness and decorum of the participating student-athletes. At the conclusion of the trial period, the CCCWPCA could resubmit the legislation.

CONSENT: BYLAW / SPORTS GUIDE ITEMS

C-1: Badminton Draw

Review: Should help the first day of the Individual State Championships stay on schedule and will eliminate a player being scheduled for singles and doubles at the same time.

Recommendation: Pass.

C-2: Baseball Official Assignments: Not Reviewed.

C-3: Baseball Seeding: Not Reviewed.

C-4: Baseball Seeding: Not Reviewed.

C-5: Basketball (W) Seeding Grouping Scorecard: Not Reviewed.

C-6: Basketball (M/W) Pre Tournament Shoot Around

Review: Organizes “shoot around” time at the state championships and clarifies that men (as well as women) may not practice, other than the “shoot around”, in the state championship facility.

Recommendation: Pass.

C-7: Golf (M) Number of Low Medalists Qualifying for State Championships

Review: For some time the Men’s Golf Guide has incorrectly stated that the number of individual low medalists from each region, not on a qualifying team, who qualify for the state championships is 4. It should read 6. Even with the change from 4 to 6, Men’s Golf is within the PC Guidelines of 15 % participation.

Recommendation: Pass.

C-8: Tennis Draw

Review: Delineates a specific day for the making of the state championship draw.

Recommendation: Pass.

C-9: Track & Field. Declaring Alternates.

Review: Moves up date for declaring alternates to the state championships.

Note: Consider amending to read: The deadline for declaring names of alternates to the state meet.....

Recommendation: Pass.

C-10: Track & Field: Distribution of Meet Information.

Not Reviewed.

C-11: Track & Field: Name Change from Multi to Combined Events.

Not Reviewed.

POLICY ITEMS

P-1: Not Reviewed. Not PC

P-2: Not Reviewed. Not PC

P-3: Not Reviewed. Not PC

P-4: Forfeiture of Lodging Reimbursement

Review: This proposal would limit COA PC lodging reimbursement to teams staying in official host hotels as designated by PC event managers. Exceptions would require approval in advance from the COA Executive Director. This legislation is necessary to enable the COA Festival Committee to meet its contractual agreements with the host city. This legislation also applies to stand-alone (non-Festival) PC events, and will help event managers meet the room block quotas they have arranged with the official PC event hotel(s).

Recommendation: Pass

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